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A CAD TOOL VENDOR

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE THIRD OFFICE ACTION**

Initial Comments:

Claims 26-40 are pending in the present application. Claims 28, 29, and 35 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 26-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by U.S. Patent 6,594,799 (Robertson).

Claims 28, 29, and 35 are amended herein. Applicant requests herein the entry of a new title and a new abstract.